

March 4, 2019

TO: 2019 South Area 4-H Horse Show Participants & Parents

FROM: Kristie Popa, Charlotte County 4-H Agent, South Area Registration Chair

RE: 2019 South Area Horse Show Registration Packet

Congratulations on qualifying to represent your county at the 2019 South Area 4-H Horse Show, April 12th – 14th, at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center & Fairgrounds in Okeechobee, FL. The planning committee has worked hard to coordinate this event for you and we are excited to have you attend.

All registration must be handled online (<http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/AreaShowEntry.shtml>) and through your county Extension Office and must be paid for with one check. Please pay close attention to due dates and thoroughly read all the instructions. Below is a list of individual forms that you must complete online and returned to your County 4-H Agent. All online forms must be completed by 8:00 pm on March 18th. The printed registration with signature and additional forms outlined below must be turned in to your 4-H Agent no later than 5:00 pm on March 20th. Please see requirements below:

- ✓ **Entry Form** – Online
- ✓ **Statement of Understanding** – Online
- ✓ **4-H Participation/Health & Code of Conduct Form** - Online
- ✓ **Receipt of Rule Book Form** – Online
- ✓ **Stall Request Form** – Online
- ✓ **T-shirt order**– Online
- ✓ **Individual Fee Summary** - Online
- ✓ **Printed copy of registration form** – To 4-H Office by 3/20
- ✓ **Current coggins for all entries** - Printed copy to 4-H Office by 3/20

Also included in this packet for your information:

- ✓ Class Schedule
- ✓ Class list
- ✓ Dressage (Training Level Test 1, First Level Test 2, Training Level Test 3)
- ✓ Intermediates to Regionals information sheet

Due Date: Online registrations must be completed by Monday, March 18th at 8:00 pm. Printed & signed Registration forms, coggins and payments must be submitted to your local county Extension Office by March 20, 2019. Please make your check payable to (your county info) and they will write one county check to **Charlotte County 4-H Assoc** to pay for registration, stall fees and cow fees etc. They will write another check to **Glades County 4-H Assoc** to pay for your t-shirts.

Fees Options: \$100 which includes registration and a t-shirt. \$120 includes registration, stall with 2 bags of shavings, and a t-shirt. \$145 which includes registration, a stall with 2 bags of shavings, a tack stall and a t-shirt. Schooling over fences fee is \$10 for 10 minutes (up to 5 horses per 10 minute schooling). Exhibition fee is \$3 per run.

How many classes May I Enter? You may register for a total of five (5) classes. Each horse may only be entered in one (1) confirmation class.

Stall Requests: On the online entry, please write in your stall preference. If you are the individual purchasing the tack stall, please list those with whom you will be sharing. Only one individual should include payment for the tack stall.

Rules: The "Florida 4-H Area & State Horse Show Official Rules 2019" 4HHS05 will be the rule book for the show. If you do not have a copy, please contact your county Extension Office or download it from <http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/showRules.shtml>.

Foals: There will be **NO FOALS** at the Area E 4-H Horse Show.

Theft: Misuse or abuse of public or personal property by a participant or his or her family will not be tolerated. Counties and/or individuals will be billed for damages.

Weather: If it rains, we will conduct the classes in the rain. If the weather deteriorates, the show may be temporarily suspended. That decision will be made solely by the Show Management.

P.A. System: The P.A. system is used to help the show move as smoothly as possible, but is only a courtesy. It is the responsibility of the contestants to know when they are required to be in the staging area or arena. Not hearing or understanding gate calls, etc, is NOT an excuse for missing one's order of work, heat or class.

Dressage: The dressage test used at this year's Area E 4-H Horse Show will be Training Level Test 2, First Level Test 3, and Training Level Test 3. If you did not receive a copy, please contact your 4-H Agent.

Bring with you to the Fairgrounds for check in:

Your current, negative Coggins paperwork. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service inspectors will be at check-in to check for this paperwork. **The name you show your horse under when you register must be exactly the same as it is on the Coggins paperwork.. If the name on the Coggins paperwork is a nickname, then you should register your horse under that nickname.....Simply....The horse's name on the Coggins needs to match exactly the name of the horse that you register!**

Measuring Ponies: If you are entered in any of the following classes at the Area E Show you must have your pony measured during check-in: #1, 6, 29, 34, & 41. Friday check-in is from 3 pm- 6pm, on Saturday 6:30 am and Sunday 7 am. Please come to the Show Office on Saturday and Sunday. Your pony must be measured before you enter your first class.

In the Rules: Any 4-H exhibitor registered at the current show is allowed to be riding the horse on the show grounds. Lunging (in a halter, with no other tack or equipment on the animal) by someone other than the exhibitor is allowed. Assistance or coaching of contestants while competing in a class may warrant penalties or disqualification. No electronic communication devices will be allowed by exhibitors while in the class.

Intermediates to Regionals: Please refer to the attachment, Official Rules pg 1, or your 4-H Agent for full explanation of this rule.

Hotels & Camping: The Hampton Inn is \$99/night. Pier II is \$70 per night and the Holiday Inn is \$119 per night. Please ask for the 4-H Horse Show rate. Camping is available at the Fairgrounds \$25/night contact the Fairgrounds at 863-763-1666.

Due Dates: Please help us conduct the South Area Horse Show as smoothly as possible by submitting the required forms in on time both online and to your Agent. We do understand that sometimes there are unforeseen circumstances that occur. The ABSOLUTE LATEST DATE to withdraw from the show with a refund is

Friday April 5th by 5pm. If your horse becomes injured or otherwise unfit to show, we will allow a substitution if you provide documentation on letterhead from your veterinarian. If this occurs before March 29th, we will allow you to switch classes, if it occurs after that date, no class substitutions will be made. **Please note: Some counties have policies in place regarding participation in the South Area Show. The South Area Show management will defer to counties on those policies. Please check with your 4-H Agent before requesting substitution of horse or class.**

Safety Reminders: Your safety is our top concern, and sometimes large numbers of horses in the staging area can become a problem. The planning committee would like to remind you:

- ✓ No motorized two-wheel personal vehicles (scooters)
- ✓ No excess people in the staging area
- ✓ No dogs in the staging area
- ✓ Horses must not be left tied and unattended in the aisles of the barns
- ✓ Horses must be led into and out of the barns, not ridden
- ✓ Helmet rules will be enforced

Who Qualifies For State? A 4-H'er must compete and place in the top 60th percentile of those who actually show at the Area E 4-H Horse Show. A notification of your advancement to State 4-H Horse Show will be sent to your county 4-H Agent following the show. If you DO NOT plan to attend the State Hors Show please select the box indicating so on your entry form. The Area Show is allowed to a finite number of riders to State. Youth who qualify but fail to attend the State Show may take away the opportunity for a fellow rider to attend.

When you arrive to the Arena: Bring your horse, negative Coggins and yourself to check-in at the livestock barn. Friday's check-in will be held from 3pm- 6pm, Saturday 6:30 am until 9:00 am at the Show Office, Sunday 7:00 am until 9:00 am at the Show Office. County faculty and volunteers will be there to check you in, go over your classes, measure your pony and answer any questions you may have.

Here is a quick checklist for completing all the paperwork:

- ✓ Entrant's birth date and age are entered as of Sept 1, 2018
- ✓ Horse is registered/entered under the same name that appears on the Coggins
- ✓ Double check class names and numbers for correctness
- ✓ Signatures are completed on all forms
- ✓ Double check your amount of payment
- ✓ A copy of your current coggins is included with registration paperwork and will be sent to the host county.

We look forward to seeing you in April at the South Area 4-H Horse Show! If you have any questions please contact your county 4-H Agent.

Good Luck to All at the Show!